Land Purchase (Ireland) Bill. [H.L.]

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An Act to provide greater facilities for the Sale of Land to A.D. 1815. occupying Tenants in Ireland.

[Norg. - The words printed in red ink are proposed to be inserted in Committee.]

It is proposed to amend Clause 2 by omitting (line 10) the words "the proceeds of property vested in them by the Irish Church Act Amendment Act, 1881, or out of any funds at their disposal not being public moneys," and inserting the words "any funds at their disposal."

It is premoved to amend Clause 4 by extending its provisions to the Landlord and Tenani (Ireland) Act, 1870, and the Land Land (Ireland) Act, 1881.]

BE it enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1. This Act may be cited for all purposes as the Purchase of Stort title. Laud (Ireland) Act, 1885.

Advances by the Land Commission.

2. For enabling tenants to purchase their holdings, either from Advances to the Land Commission or from the landlords of such holdings, the tounts 10 Land Commission may make advances under this Act out of the Act. proceeds of property vested in them by the Irish Church Act Amendment Act, 1881, or out of any funds at their disposal not being public moneys.

With respect to advances under this Act, the provisions of Part 15 Five of the Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881, shall be amended as

follows; that is to say,

(a.) The Land Commission may, if the repayment of the advance is secured by a deposit under this Act (herein-after referred to as a guarantee deposit), and if the Land Commission are satisfied with the security in other respects, make an advance to a tenant who is purchasing his holding of the whole [Bill 249.]

A.D. 1886. 64 & 65 Vict. principal sum or price payable by the tenant, instead of the three fourths thereof mentioned in Part Five of the Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881.

(b.) It shall not be lawful for the Lond Commission to make advances under this Act exceeding in all the sum of five 5 million nounds.

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of a Any person willing to secure the repayment of an advance smale by the Iand Commission to a tennat who is purchasing his badding either from the Land Commission or from the landlerd of such holding im gard geogic with the Iand Commission such sum, 10 as a guarante deposit, not bring less than one fifth of the advance, as may be agreed on between thim and the Land Commission.

If the preson willing to accure the repayment of such advance is a namical entitled to be paid by the Land Commission, or out of nanegy provided by the Land Commission, any sum for the purlesses money of any hand sold by thin, he may prevedle such guarantee deposit by permitting the Land Commission to retain the same out of such sum as merchle for merchase money.

The Land Commission shall pay interest on the guarantee deposit at the rate of three per cent, per annum.

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Subject to the other peroxisions of this Act, the Land Commission shall retain the guarantee deposit until a sum equal to the deposit, has been repaid, and shall then pay over the guarantee deposit to the rersom entitled thereta.

If at any time during the period for which the Land Commission 2s are authorized to retain the quarantee deposit any sum due to the Land Commission in respect of an advance secured by a guarantee deposit under this Act is declared by them, by order, to be an irrecoverable lebt, the Land Commission may apply the guessantee deposit in discharge or reducion of such irrecoverable debt.

Whenever the Land Commission apply a guanastee deposit or any part of it in discharge or reduction of any sum obsequel pape a bolding, it shall be harful for the Land Commission, by order, to declare that the interest in the holding of the peron inside to pay such sum shall be charged in favour of the person entitled to the 35 guarantee deposit with the anomal of the guarantee despois, or so much thereof as has been as applied by the Land Commission as much thereof as the been as applied by the Land Commission as some part of the commission of the commission of the commission as

anaum until soch charge is realised.

Trustees entitled to receive the purchase money produced by the 40 sale of any settled land may, and shall if required by the tenant for life of the settled land, or the porson having the powers of a tenant for life within the meaning of the Settled Land Act, 1883, socure, by a guarantee desport, the recoverned of an advance made

for the purchase of any holding being or forming part of such A.D. Issa. settled land, and may apply or permit the Land Commission to retain so much of the purchase money as the treatees or such tennel for life or other person may think fit for that purnose.

5 4. With respect to advances to be made under this Act, the Terus of reprovisions of Part Fire of the Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881, shall release, be amended as follows:

 (a.) Every such advance shall be repaid by an annuity in favour c. 46.

(a.) Every such advance shall be repaid by an annuity in favour c-st. of the Land Commission for forty-aint years, of four pounds 1st, for every hundred pounds of such advance, and so in proportion for any less sum, instead of by the annuity mentioned in the said Act.

(a) Newsy such anusity, or any position of it at any time outstanding, may be referred by the person liable to pay such 15 anusity, by payment to the Land Commission of a sum equivalents to the thin value of mechanistry or of such persion of it; such value to be calculated according to the table in the Schedule to this Ass.

(e) The repayment of every advance under this Act shall be be secured to the Load Commission by deed. It shall be the duty of the Land Commission to exercise the power conterved upon mortgagees by the first sub-section of the minestall section of the Convynacing and Jaw of Property Act, 1881, or narrower for the sume nurpose contained in such deed.

25 (d.) Subject to the amendments contained in this Act, the provisions of Part Five of the said Act shall apply to all advances under this Act.

Where a holding is sold by the Land Judges to the tenant of that bolding, the sale may, for the purpose of advances under this Act, 30 and of guarantee deposits under this Act, be deemed to be a sale by a landlord to a tenant.

Sales of Land.

5. The Irish Land Commission, if they have reasonably satisfied Parchase of the messlves that a result can be effected without loss, may purchase of solidary, and the treats of the hands comprised in such estate their respective holdings, and may purchase the such estate their respective holdings, and may purchase the such estate their respective holdings, and may purchase the such estate their respective holdings, and may purchase the such estate their respective holdings.

complete in such cause to the purpose of reselling it to the tenant thereof.

The tenant of any holding may purchase such holding, and before
or after completing the agreement for such purchase may apply to

40 the Land Commission for an advance.
If the vendor of such estate or bolding is a tenant for life, or has the powers of a tenant for life, and the land proposed to be sold is settled land, within the meaning of those expressions as used in the

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45 & 66 Vict 4, 38.

Settled Land Act, 1882, he shall have all the powers conferred upon tenants for life under that Act, subject to the amendments thereof herein contained, and to the other provisions of this Act; and the nurchase money arising from such sale may be invested or applied as if it were capital money arising under the said Act,

sert of pure. 35.

6. Where a landlord of a holding is a tenset for life, or has the nowers of a tenant for life within the meaning of those expressious as used in the Settled Land Act, 1882, and is selling such holding to the tenent thereof, he may exercise, to the same extent as if he were an absolute owner, the power of permitting any sum not 10

exceeding one fourth of the purchase money to romain as a charge upon such holding secured by a mortgage; and in case any advance is made by the Land Commission to the tenant for the purchase of such holding, any such mortence shall be subject to any charge in favour of the Laud Commission for securing such advance; and 15 any such mortgage shall be deemed to be part of the nurchase money navable in respect of such holding, and the money secured thereby when mid shall be dealt with as if it were capital money 45 & 46 Vict. arising under the Scitled Land Act, 1882, or purchase money

c. 38, otherwise payable under this Act. This section shall apply to the trustees of any settlement in the same manner as it applies to a tenant for life.

7. Where the Land Commission have purchased an estate, they Sales of residues. may sell any parcels which they do not sell to the tenants thereof, in such manner as they think fit.

The Land Commission may advance to any purchaser of a parcel under this section, on the security of such parcel, one half of the principal sum paid as the price, Subject to that Smitstion on the amount of the advance, all the

provisions of this Act relative to sales and advances to tenants by 30 the Land Commission shall apply to the sale of a parcel in pursuance of this section in like manner as if the parcel had been a holding and the purchaser had been tenant thereof at the time of his making his purchase. 8. When a holding has been sold by the Land Commission to 35

Vesting order in Neu

a tenant or other person, also when a holding has been sold by a landlord to a tenant, and it has been agreed between the Land Commission and the landlord and the tenant that such sale shall be carried into effect by means of a vesting order of the Land Commission under this Act, it shall be lawful for the Land 40 Commission, if they think fit, after due investigation of title and being satisfied therewith, to make an order under their seal and signed by a Commissioner vesting the holding, or the interest of

any person or of the Land Commission in such holding, in the A 0.1.1.1.

purebaser, subject to such charges, rights, and easements, as may have been such order; or, if the vesting order so declares, subject to such charges, rights, and easements as may havfully

5 affect such holding.

Every order purporting to vest a halding or interest in a purchaser which purports to be made by the Land Commission in exercise of the powers conferred on them by this Act shall be binding upon all persons claiming any estate or interest in the land comprised in 10 the holding, including Hor Mojesty, her beins and successors, and

10 the holding, including Her Majesty, her heirs and uncessors, and shall he as effectual in all respects, save as hevel-active prevision, as if it were a conveyance or assignment excented by one of the Land Judges of the Chancery Division of the High Court of Justice in Iroland under the Landed Estates Court Act: Provided, that where

13 the purchaser of a holding is also tenant of the holding the interest vested in hit mby such order shall, subject to Any charges, rights, or easements set out in the order, he deemed to be a gorft spon the previous interest of the tenant in the holding, and he subject to any rights or equities arising from its being such graft.

20 The enactments of this section relative to the operation and effect of a vesting order purporting to vest a holding, shall apply to an order purporting to vest an interest in a holding, so far as relates to

such interest.

9. (1). The Land Commission may if they think fit declare by Charge and
25 their order that the sale of any holding is made subject—

(a) to any chief rent or fee-farm rent payable ont of the lands

essentially commissed in the holding.

(b) to any annuity charged upon the holding in favour of the Land Commission,

(c) to any other mortgage or charge which the Land Commission
may think fit should remain thereon.
 (2.) The Land Commission may, if they think fit, after due and

sufficient inquiry, declare by their order that the sale is mode sublect on any rights of common, rights of way, or other rights or \$3 comments which the Laud Commission flut to affect such bodding; and in that case the rights and essentials to declared shall be the only rights or essentents affecting the bolding; or they may abstain from making any send declaration, and in that case the holding shall be deemed to be sold subject to such rights of common, rights or

49 way, and other rights or excements as may lawfully affect the same.
(8.) The provisions of the aixty-second section of the Landed Estates Court Act relative to tithe rentcharge, quitrent, Crorn rent, and charges in favour of the Commissioners of Public Works

- A.D. 1883. Bot being prejudiced or affected by the conveyances therein mentioned, and relative to the redemption of such quitrent, Crown
 - rent, and clurges, shall apply to verting orders under this Act.

 (4.) Where the lend comprised in may obtainly is subject to any merigang, incumbrance, or change, the Land Commission shall, a before searching or completing the sale of such helding, gives the merigane, incumbrance, or presen interested as may be prescribed by rules of the Land Commission.
 - (5.) In the case of a sale by a lamiled to a tensut, where it is agreed that the sale shall be carried into effect by a vesting order 20 of the Land Commission, such vesting order uny be made at any time after the contact for sole is complete; but the purchase money shall, whenever necessary, be relatived and dealt with in the meaner two-vided by this Act.

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- 10. In every case in which is holding is sold by the Land Come. In mission to a turnor or other person; also in every case is the which a holding is sold by a fast-loof to a tensari, and it is agreed that a holding is sold by a fast-loof to a tensari, and it is agreed that the same of the Canacity of the Same of the Canacity of the Same of the Canacity of the Same of the S
 - Section thirty-scree, relating to the jurisdiction and powers of the Court, so far as may be necessary for cambling the Lund Commission to discharge any of the duties imposed on them by this Act.
 - Sections sixty-four and sixty-five, relating to the application, 30 rotention, and investment of purchase money.
 - Section sixty-six, relating to the appointment of tenstoes.
 - Sections sixty-eight and sixty-nine, relating to Crown rest, and quit-rent, and incumbrances and charges.

Act, that is to say :-

Section seventy-two, relating to apportionment of rent, and in A.D. 1851. that section the term " rent " shall include a fee-fram rent. Section seventy-three, relating to persons under disability.

Section seventy-six, relating to the abatement of proceedings.

5 11. When the capital money arising from any sale under this Appropria-Act is retained by the Land Commission, the income thereof shall fine of from the control of the he paid by them to the vendor or other person entitled thereto. The Land Commission shall make orders for the payment of such venes.

purchase money to any persons found by the Land Commission to 10 he entitled thereto. Save as expressly provided by this Act, nothing herein contained

shall affect the rights of any incumbrances, or other person interested in any estate or holding sold, to the capital money arising from such sale.

15 12. When the tenant for life of any settled hand, or a person Arcsinhaving the power of a temmt for life, is desirous to sell the land, or most of any part, to the Land Commission, and there are no trustees of the produce of settlement for the purposes of the Settled Land Act, 1882, or it is precise. expedient that new trustees should be appointed, it shall be inwful Commission 20 for the Land Commission to appoint fit persons to be trusters of the scitlement for the purposes of that Act.

Whenever, for the purposes of purchasing any estate for resale to the tenants thereof, it appears to the Land Commission expedient

so to do, the Land Commission may purchase any land or heredita-25 ment held in connexion with such estate or any rent issuing out of it; or may purchase up or obtain the release of any right, easement, charge, or incumhrance affecting it.

13. On every sale, when an advance is made by the Land Science to Commission to the purchaser, the Land Commission shall charge for a grow 30 the purchaser with one gross sum, which shall include the advance, Strom days the stamp duty on the vesting order or conveyance, if may, made hy the Land Commission, and the stamp duty and fees payable for

registering such vesting order or conveyance. The Land Commission shall register in the Registry of Deeds in 35 Dublin, all vesting orders and conveyances executed by them under

this Act. A landlord negotiating for the sale to the Land Commission of a

holding or estate shall furnish the abstract of his title and verify the same to the satisfaction of the Land Commission at his own cost. No charge shall be made in respect of any investigation by the Land Commission of the title of either the vendor or the purchaser of

any holding.

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Power to sell subject to accurity.

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15. When any holding is sold by or at the suit of the Land Commission, the High Court of Justices in Ireland, or the Land 10 Commission, or the county court of the county is which such bailing is situate, may on the application of any purchaser, issue as order to the shoriff to put such purchaser in possession of the holding or purt theory paradased by this, and such order shall be executed by the shoriff in like manner as a writ for the delivery of 12 procession.

Supplemental Provisions.

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(5.) The Land Commission is all from time to time under the directions of the Treasury allocate or apply the property rested in them under the sald Irinb (burnch Act Ameriment Act, 1881, and 40 charged under this section, in making good the losses upon the advances comprised in such return: I revoked, that mothing contained in this section shall prejudice the charges, incambrances, or lishilities. All rest.

affecting such property at the time of the passing of this Act.

17. In addition to the three persons named as commissioners in Additional the Land Law (Irekhad) Act. 1881. Her Ministry may, by warrant "scales, in

17. In audition to the three persons named as commissioners in Abilities the Land Law (Irabind) Act, 1881, Her Majiesty may, by warmant resistes and 5 under the Royal Sign Manual, appoint two other persons to be the Lusi members of the Irish Land Commission.
Such persons shall continue in office for the period of three years

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10 The provisions of the Land Law (Lrebard) Act, 1881, which relate to the members of the triat Land Commission, other shan the Jackson Commission, the shan the Jackson Landson and the covery person appointed as herein-after provided to a venezon in his office, as if he had been named in the said Act a member of the 15 Land Commissioner.

Whenever during the said proid of three years any vacancy cocurs in the office of either of the persons so appointed by his death, resignation, inability to act, or otherwise, or of any person appointed in his place, Her Majesty may, if she think fit, by warmed to whom the first his place, Her Majesty may, if she think fit, by warmed to such as his fits. If we have the consequence of the cocount of the cocou

20 under the Sign Manual appoint some fit person to fill such vacuacy: The person so appointed shall continue in office only so long as the person in whose place he is appointed would have done.

The Lord Lieuteaunt may from time to time by order direct that the additional members of the Land Commission appointed under 25 this Act, or such member or members of the Land Commission as he thinks fit, shall specially attend to the hustness imposed upon the Land Commission by this Act.

Any person so nominated for the time being may set in the name of the Land Commission in carrying this Act into effect; 30 and anything done by him shall be as valid and effectual as if it

30 and anything done by bim shall be as valid and effectival as if it were done by the Land Commission.

Notwithstanding the appointment of additional Land Commissioners under this Act, any matter or thing which under the Land

Law (Ireland) Act, 1881, was required to he done by three 35 members of the Land Commission sitting together, may he done by any three members sitting together; and may matter or thing which night lawfully be done moder the said Act by three memhers or say less number, may still be done by any three members or any less number, of the Land Commission.

40 A berrister-at-law or solicitor shall not be deemed to have retired from practice by reason of his having been appointed and having acted as a commissioner or assistant commissioner under the Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881, or this Act.

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such duties under this Act as the Land Commission may assign to him; and may be awarded in either case such remuneration for his arrives as the Tressury may determine.

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purpose; invoided that no judge appointed before the passing of 25 this Act shall be so named or assigned without his own consent.

Addicts to 20. The Land Commission may from time to time, with the desirable of consent of the Lord Lieutenant and the Treasury, appoint or employ the Lord Lieutenant and the Treasury.

the Land Consent of the Lord Lieutemant and the Treasury, appoint or employ Counsies.

Set to counsel, examines, solicitors, clocks, and persons as they think necessary for enabling them to earry into effect the previsions of 30 this Act.

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 Rules for carrying this Act into effect shall be deemed to be rules under the Lend Law (Ireland) Act, 1881, and shall be made by the Land Commission accordingly.

Repeat of the forty-righth section of the Innal Law (Trolmen) 25 corrections and St. 1831, as canceds that an appeal efrom the Land Commission to the Court of Appeal in Trehand shall not be permitted in respect of the Court of Appeal in Ireland shall not be permitted in respect of the Land Commission to determine any question or to exercise only 40 court of Appeal in Commission to determine any question or to exercise on any 40 court of Appeal in Commission to determine any question or to exercise on any 40 court of Appeal in the Land Commission to determine any question or to exercise on any 40 court of Appeal in the Commission to determine any question or to exercise on any 40 court of Appeal in the Appea

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or to the purchase of a holding through the medium of the Land

Commission, shall be and is hereby repeated.

24. In this Act, unless there is something in the context repug- Inserversnant thereto— the Arguesian "the Landed Estates Court Act" means the Act

of the session of the twenty-first and twenty-accord year of the reign of Her present Majesty, chapter seventy-two, initiated "An Act to facilitate the sale and transfer of land in Ireland," as amended by any Act or Acts. The expressions "the Teresury," "the Lord Chancellor," and the

"Land Commission," mean respectively the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, the Lord High Chancellor of Ireland, and the Irish Land Commission.

Other expressions have the same meanings respectively as in the Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881.

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